

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected.

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 6, 8 and 14-16 were objected to for informalities. Specifically, the Examiner suggests that the language “unit as” should be --unit serving as--.

Applicants thank the Examiner for this helpful suggestion. Each of claims 3, 6, 8 and 14-16 has been amended, in accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion, to he changes “unit as” should be --unit serving as--. Further, please note, although claim 2 was not specifically mentioned in the objection, claim 2 contains the same language that was objected to in claims 3, 6, 8 and 14-16. Accordingly, claim 2 has been amended in the same manner claims 3, 6, 8 and 14-16.

In view of the above amendments, withdrawal of the objection to the claims is earnestly solicited.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for alleged indefiniteness. In particular, the Office Action objects to certain language in claims 1, 2, 7 and 17-20. These claims will be discussed below.

Claims 1 and 2

With respect to claims 1 and 2, the Examiner asserts that “claims 1 and 2 recite the phrase ‘the own unit’; however, it is not clear from the claim language if this is referring to the parent device or another of the plurality of measurement electronic device units.”

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to clarify that “the own unit” refers to the parent device. More specifically, claims 1 and 2 have been amended to change “the own unit” to --said parent device--. This amendment is consistent with the description in the application specification, e.g., page 17, lines 16-21.

Claims 7 and 17-20

With respect to claims 7 and 17-20, the Examiner asserts “claims 7 and 17-20 recite the phrase ‘said respective means’; however, it is not clear if the respective means refers to the ‘respective detectors’, the ‘respective memories’ or both (as described in claim 1).”

As will be discussed below, each of claims 7 and 17-20 have been amended similarly to clarify the language that the Examiner finds unclear.

More specifically, claims 7 and 17-20 have been amended to change “a main body housing...said respective means” to --a main body housing ...said memory storing a measured value--. It is believed that this recitation clearly and accurately reflects elements that are housed by the main body of *each of* said plural measurement electronic device units. More specifically, as shown in Fig. 3, the main body 10A, which is the main body of the measurement electronic device unit *serving as the parent device*, houses a temporary storage memory 37 (see page 17,

lines 22-25 of the application specification), which is “a memory storing a measured value.” Further, as shown in Fig. 4, the main body 20A, which is the main body of the measurement electronic device units *serving as the child device*, also houses a temporary storage memory 37.

Therefore, consistent with the discussion above, claims 7 and 17-20 have been amended to recite “The measurement electronic device system ..., wherein *each of said plural measurement electronic device units* comprises: a main body housing the connector for mutual series connection and said *memory storing a measured value*.”

It is believed that, in view of the above-noted amendments, claims 7 and 17-20 particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention in accordance with the requirements of §112, second paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection and an indication of allowability of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are issues remaining to be resolved in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite and complete prosecution of this case.

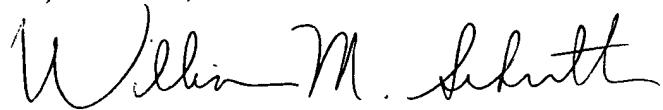
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